

CH-98
George Butler House
Bryans Road vic.
Private

circa 1906

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-98

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1. Name of Property

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historic name George Butler House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 2664 Marshall Hall Rd. not for publication _____
city or town Bryans Road vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20616

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

X private
_____ public-local
_____ public-State
_____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
_____ district
_____ site
_____ structure
_____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Victorian

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation solid: poured concrete
roof cross gable: pressed metal shingles
walls frame: wood weatherboard & German siding
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance circa 1906

Significant Dates circa 1906

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 1.25 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 2664 Marshall Hall Road is designated as Parcel 530 on Map 5, Grid 18 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The George Butler House has been associated with Parcel 530, Map 5 since its construction circa 1906.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Dec. 3, 1998
street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name George E. Butler, et al. c/o Charles E. Butler
street & number 2664 Marshall Hall Road telephone _____
city or town Bryans Road state MD zip code 20616

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county and state

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The dwelling stands on a sloping 1.25-acre site located on the east side of Marshall Hall Road in the Bryans Road vicinity. The house is set approximately 75 feet back from Marshall Hall Road, and is sheltered by a number of mature trees. A medium sized dense hedge encloses the front yard and screens the house from the road. The lot drops down at the rear, where it ends in a dense stand of trees.

The house consists of a 2-story, cross-gable, "L"-shaped Victorian dwelling with a 2-story front porch adorning the facade. Set on a solid poured concrete foundation, the dwelling is clad in both wood weatherboard and German siding. The front gable contains decorative sawtooth and fishscale shingles. The open-eaved roof is covered with decorative pressed metal sheets and has a single interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap breaking its ridge. A second, exterior brick stove-flue has been added to the northeast rear addition.

The exterior of the house retains the majority of its original construction materials. Additionally, the alterations that have been made, generally conform in materials to what was original to the house. Many of the original windows, containing 2/2 vertical light sash, remain in place. Where the sash has been changed, the replacements are configured with either 1/1 or 6/1 wood sash. Throughout the building, the window and door openings are defined by simple square-edged wood casings.

The dwelling's facade consists of the gable end of the short arm of the "L," and the southwestern side elevation of the long arm. This entire elevation is clad with narrow-width wood weatherboard, while the remaining faces of the building are covered with wood German siding. The front gable portion of the facade contains two window bays on each level. Each of these bays holds organelle 2/2 wood sash. Above the second story, the gable end is clad with fishscale and sawtooth wood shingles and is pierced by a diminutive segmental window.

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The long arm of the "L" also contains two bays on the first and second stories of its southwest face. On both stories, a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door occupies the northwestern most bay. On the first story, the southeastern bay consists of coupled 1/1 wood sash windows, while the second story bay holds an original 2/2 sash window. A pedimented dormer is located off center on the southwest face of the roof. The dormer has been altered, and a small fixed, 1-light wood window installed. The 2-story frame porch is covered by a shed-roof, and supported by turned wood posts on the first story and by chamfered wood posts on the second. The second story porch supports are embellished by scroll-sawn decorative brackets and a decorative balustrade.

The southeast elevation of the house contains no original openings, other than a gable end louvered vent. A door flanked by two windows pierces the southeast elevation of the enclosed rear shed porch. The doorway contains a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door, while the windows contain 1/1 wood sash.

Similarly, the northeast elevation encompasses only the rear enclosed porch at its first story. A triple window containing 1/1 wood sash dominates the bay closest to the building's east corner, while a coupled window with the same sash opens into the bumped-out rear section of the enclosed porch. An exterior brick chimney flue was installed near the north corner of the house. At the second story, only two windows bays, both containing original sash, break the northeast wall surface.

Along the northwest wall of the dwelling, a 1-story, half-hipped roof frame addition has been made. Extending from the north corner of the structure, this addition contains a single modern 2/2 wood sash window. The main portion of the northwest elevation contains four window openings, two on each story. At the first story, the wall is pierced by a coupled window containing 6/1 wood sashes and a single original 2/2 sash window. Vertically aligned above, are two more windows holding original sash.

The George Butler House has been only minorly altered. The alterations include replacement, and reconfiguration of some of the window openings, and the enclosure and additions to the rear porch. Some evidence suggests that the house originally sat on brick or concrete piers, and that the current poured concrete foundation and porch floor was added at a later date. Otherwise, the house retains much of its original appearance.

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OUTBUILDINGS:

There is one domestic outbuilding associated with the George Butler House. Located just east of the dwelling, this 1-story front gable frame garage stands on a solid foundation (material not visible) and is clad in vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt roll roofing, and a shed roof carport addition extends off the north side. The original garage opening has been enclosed and replaced by a single-leaf door. The garage appears to date to the 1930s.

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In February 1906, George & Annie H. Butler acquired a 16-acre lot near Bryans Road from Charles J. and Emma E. Butler and Sarah Frances & Robert J. Brooks. The property, once a part of "Hickory Hill" or "Market Overton," had been divided out of a 53 acre parcel. Between 1906 and 1917, George Butler, a local carpenter/contractor, constructed his residence on this tract of land. Oral history indicates that George Butler was an active contractor in Charles County. He was apparently involved in the construction of approximately nine school buildings during the early twentieth century. This involvement may be attributable to the fact that Joseph C. Parks, the first supervisor of African-American schools in Charles County, boarded with the Butlers at their house on Marshall Hall Road for nearly twenty years. (see CH-143, J.C. Parks House)

The house that George Butler built is a fairly typical Queen Anne Victorian dwelling with an asymmetrical, "L"-shaped form, cross gable roof, shingled front gable and decorated front porch. Few such intact examples of this style remain in the rural sections of Charles County. While many dwellings may have originally exhibited such decorative features, most have been altered by the removal or covering of original materials. The house exemplifies a typical middle-class dwelling of the early 20th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-
1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

February 15, 1906:

Charles J. & Emma E. Butler, Sarah
Frances & Robert J. Brooks (heirs of
Ignatius Butler) to George & Annie
H. Butler
16 acres, tract of land on Pomonkey
Creek known as "Part of Hickory
Hill" or "Market Overton"
Charles County Land Records
Liber 17 Folio 212

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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GEORGE BUTLER HOUSE
2664 Marshall Hall Rd,
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
BRYANS ROAD VIC.

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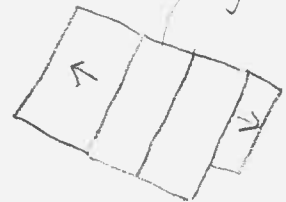


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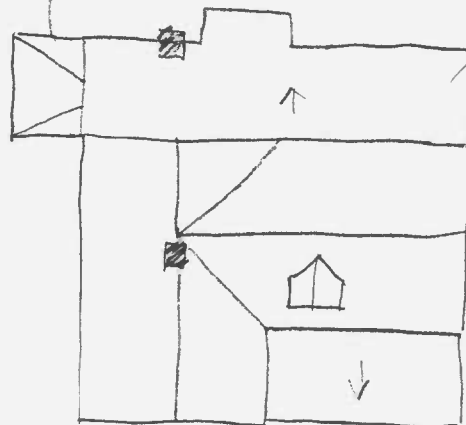
Slope
Down



garage



1-story
frame addn.



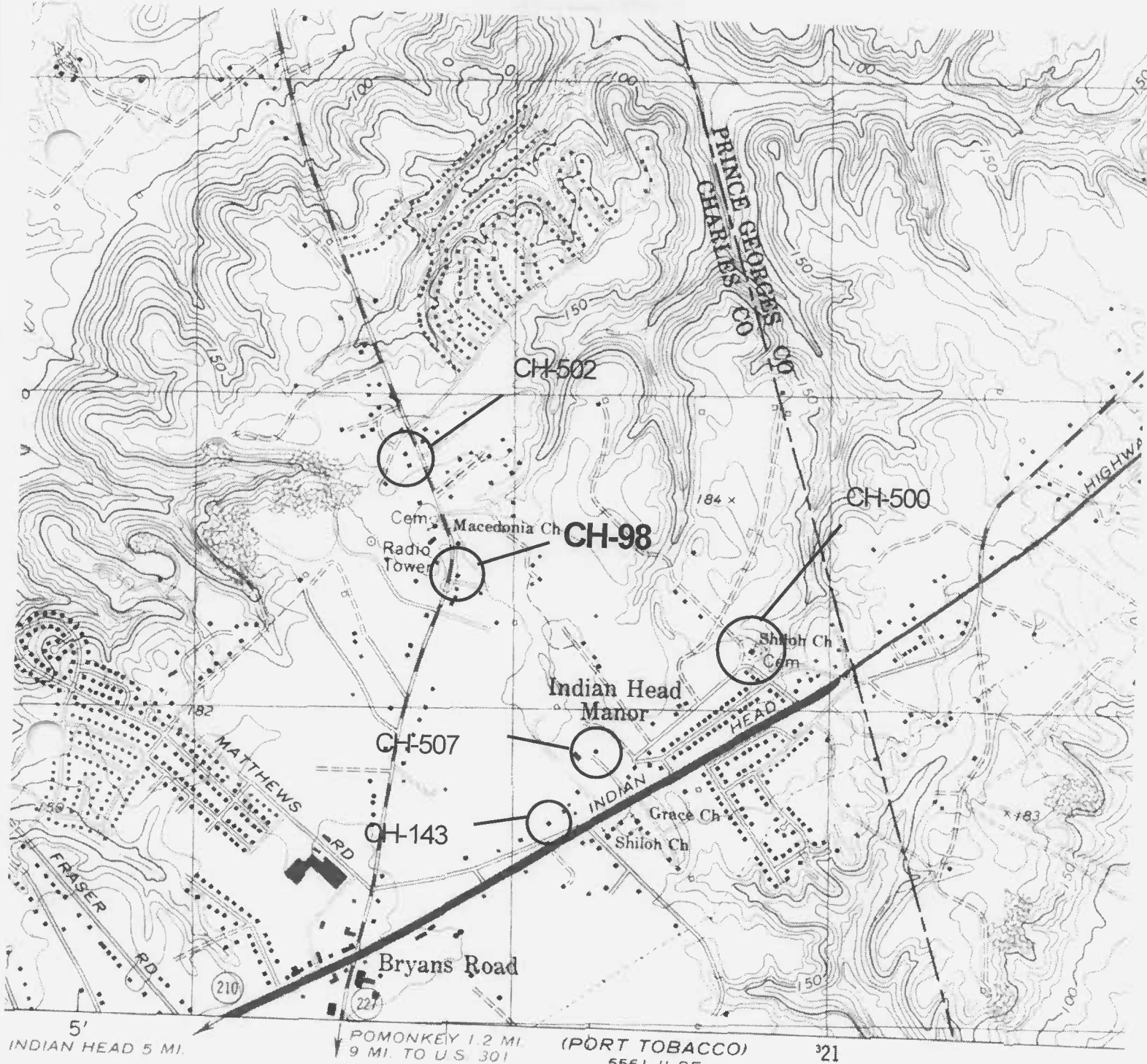
enclosed
porch

capped
well

2664

hedge

Marshall Hall Rd.



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MOUNT VERNON MD-VA QUAD



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FACADE - LOOKING NE

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GEORGE BUTLER HOUSE
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MARYLAND SHPO
LOOKING WEST

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MARYLAND SHPO
NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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GEORGE BUTLER HOUSE

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

K.G. SMITH

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MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE - LOOKING EAST

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